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New records were set in Connecticut's economy during October when employment, hourly and weekly earnings, and personal income reached all-time high levels, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported. At the same time, unemployment was up one-tenth of one percent.

Employment, Wages and Hours: A monthly increase of 8,800 nonfarm jobs boosted employment to a new high of 1,664,200 which was 47,500 more jobs than last year (page 2). Manufacturing showed a slight monthly increase while non-manufacturing recorded a job gain of 8,100 from September. Retail trade employment increased by 1,400 and the services category added 1,500 jobs. Compared with 1986, all non-manufacturing sectors were higher, and annual job increases were recorded in primary metals, transportation equipment, food and chemicals in manufacturing. Twelve labor market areas had higher employment levels which dropped in three (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers set another record at $10.49 an hour and $444.78 weekly for a slightly longer workweek of 42.4 hours (page 3). In October 1986 hourly and weekly wages were $10.16 and $425.70 for a 41.9 hour week. Computed on a straight-time basis, both hourly and weekly wages were up marginally from September and 3.7 percent above the $9.72 per hour and $388.80 a week last year. Construction workers received the highest average weekly paycheck, $615.94, followed by those in chemicals, $538.46 and transportation equipment, $515.02. Among the six largest areas (page 6) the highest factory pay was earned in New Britain, $476.33, Bridgeport, $460.48 and Stamford, $459.82.

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment edged up from an estimated 50,700 to 52,100 and the actual and adjusted rates to 2.9 and 3.1 percent, respectively (page 4). The nation's October adjusted rate was 6 percent. Last year, with unemployment at 56,600, the actual rate was 3.2 percent and 3.6 percent seasonally adjusted. Included in the figures are those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force. Monthly unemployment declined in four labor markets, remained stable in two and increased in nine.

Other Indicators: In addition to record personal income for state residents of $5-billion, 174-million, and more jobs, manufacturing output improved and there were fewer first-time filings (seasonally adjusted) for unemployment insurance benefits (page 7).

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A report on 1986 worker wages in Connecticut, which increased by $2.9 billion from 1985, is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Oct. 1987(P)	Sept. 1987(R)	Oct. 1986(R)	% Change Oct. '87 over Sept.'87	% Change Oct. '87 over Oct. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,664,200*	1,655,400*	1,616,700*	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Manufacturing.....	390,600*	389,900*	394,300*	+ 0.2	- 0.9
Durable.....	291,400*	290,800*	293,800*	- 0.2	- 0.8
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,300	7,400	+ 1.4	0.0
Primary Metals.....	14,600	14,400	13,400*	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Fabricated Metals.....	45,200*	45,200*	45,700*	0.0	- 1.1
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,800*	47,900	48,100	- 0.2	- 0.6
Electrical Equipment....	51,100	50,900	51,700	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Transportation Equipment	88,200	88,100	86,900	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Instruments & Clocks....	24,000	24,000	26,100	0.0	- 8.0
Other Durable.....	13,100*	13,000	14,500	+ 0.8	- 9.7
Nondurable.....	99,200	99,100*	100,500	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Food.....	13,200	13,100*	12,800	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Textiles.....	3,900	4,000	4,600	- 2.5	- 15.2
Apparel.....	8,200	8,100	8,700	+ 1.2	- 5.7
Paper.....	9,600	9,600	9,600	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,500	27,600	27,600	- 0.4	- 0.4
Chemicals.....	23,000	22,900	22,500	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,100	12,000	13,000	+ 0.8	- 6.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,800	1,700	- 5.6	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,273,600*	1,265,500	1,222,400*	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Construction & Mining....	79,000	79,300	77,600*	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Transportation.....	40,600	40,500	38,500	+ 0.2	+ 5.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,400	16,400	15,300	0.0	+ 7.2
Other Transportation....	24,200	24,100	23,200	+ 0.4	+ 4.3
Communications.....	20,000	20,000	10,200*	0.0	+ 96.1
Utilities.....	13,000	13,100	12,700	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Trade.....	380,100	378,500	363,900	+ 0.4	+ 4.5
Wholesale.....	86,900	86,700	84,600	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Retail.....	293,200	291,800	279,300	+ 0.5	+ 5.0
General Merchandise....	40,200	38,600	37,100	+ 4.1	+ 8.4
Food Stores.....	52,600	52,800	51,100	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,500	33,300	31,600	+ 0.6	+ 6.0
Restaurants.....	78,800	80,700	77,000	- 2.4	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	88,100	86,400	82,500	+ 2.0	+ 6.8
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	147,200	147,400	141,500	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Banking.....	32,000	32,000	31,800	0.0	+ 0.6
Insurance.....	79,900	80,400	77,000	- 0.6	+ 3.8
Real Estate.....	14,500	14,500	13,500	0.0	+ 7.4
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	20,800	20,500	19,200	+ 1.5	+ 8.3
Services.....	391,100	389,600	378,500	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Hotels.....	10,800*	11,000	10,700	- 1.8	+ 0.9
Personal Services.....	19,700	19,600	18,800	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Business Services.....	92,700	91,500	87,800	+ 1.3	+ 5.6
Health Services.....	115,400	114,300	114,000	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Law & Professional.....	34,000	33,600	31,000	+ 1.2	+ 9.7
Educational Services....	33,800	33,800	33,500	0.0	+ 0.9
Other Services.....	85,400	85,800	82,700	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Government.....	202,600	197,100	199,500	+ 2.8	+ 1.6
Federal.....	25,300	24,900	23,900	+ 1.6	+ 5.9
State & Local.....	177,300	172,200	175,600	+ 3.0	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

(R) Revised estimate

(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$444.78	$438.90	$425.70	42.4	42.0	41.9	$10.49	$10.45	$10.16
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	454.97	444.78	436.35	42.6	42.0	42.2	10.68	10.59	10.34
Lumber & Furniture.....	358.64	339.95	330.40	41.8	39.9	41.3	8.58	8.52	8.00
Primary Metals.....	496.59	487.72	442.54	44.9	44.5	43.6	11.06	10.96	10.15
Fabricated Metals.....	435.60	419.76	403.43	43.3	42.4	42.2	10.06	9.90	9.56
Machinery.....	491.68	480.45	476.76	43.9	44.2	43.5	11.20	10.87	10.96
Electrical Equipment.....	358.29	378.40	358.39	42.2	41.4	41.1	9.13	9.14	8.72
Transportation Equipment.....	515.02	504.29	523.18	41.5	40.8	42.5	12.41	12.36	12.31
Instruments and Clocks.....	426.19	415.27	398.16	43.4	42.9	42.0	9.82	9.68	9.48
Other Durable Mfg.....	375.44	378.39	376.38	40.5	40.6	41.0	9.27	9.32	9.18
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	413.66	418.25	394.13	41.7	41.7	40.8	9.92	10.03	9.66
Food.....	414.12	416.42	384.54	42.3	41.6	39.0	9.79	10.01	9.86
Textiles.....	331.28	324.35	316.20	41.0	39.7	40.8	8.08	8.17	7.75
Apparel.....	259.52	246.83	241.60	39.5	37.8	37.4	6.57	6.53	6.46
Paper.....	474.90	492.31	468.69	44.3	45.5	44.3	10.72	10.82	10.58
Printing and Publishing.....	398.70	415.94	373.07	38.3	39.5	38.5	10.41	10.53	9.69
Chemicals.....	538.46	550.67	525.98	44.1	45.1	44.2	12.21	12.21	11.90
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	373.25	358.59	339.90	43.1	41.6	41.1	8.66	8.62	8.27
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	320.76	300.38	324.28	39.6	37.5	36.6	8.10	8.01	8.86
CONSTRUCTION.....	615.94	574.68	613.66	40.1	37.1	39.9	15.36	15.49	15.38

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Oct. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	52,100	2.9	50,700	2.8	56,600	3.2
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(3.0)		(3.6)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,200	3.5	7,900	3.4	9,300	4.0
Bristol.....	1,300	3.4	1,300	3.4	1,400	3.6
Danbury.....	3,600	3.0	3,400	2.8	3,500	3.0
Danielson.....	1,400	4.0	1,400	4.2	1,600	4.6
Hartford.....	11,300	2.6	11,000	2.5	12,300	2.9
Middletown.....	1,400	2.6	1,300	2.6	1,500	2.9
Lower River.....	300	1.9	400	2.0	500	3.0
New Britain.....	2,200	2.9	2,200	3.0	2,500	3.3
New Haven.....	7,800	2.8	7,600	2.7	8,400	3.1
New London/Norwich*..	4,400	3.3	4,100	3.0	4,500	3.4
Norwalk.....	2,000	2.3	2,100	2.4	2,000	2.4
Stamford.....	2,600	2.2	2,500	2.1	2,800	2.4
Torrington.....	1,400	2.8	1,300	2.5	1,400	3.0
Waterbury.....	3,900	3.8	3,900	3.7	4,500	4.4
Willimantic.....	700	2.3	600	2.1	700	2.3
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	6,845,000	5.7	6,857,000	5.7	7,842,000	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.0)		(5.9)		(6.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Oct. '87	Sept.'87	Oct. '86
All Items.....	345.3	344.4	330.5
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 4.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Oct.'87	Sept.'87	Oct.'86(R)	Percent Change to October 1987 from: Sept.'87	Oct.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	201,270*	199,840	195,110	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	60,790*	60,730	60,350	0.0	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	140,480	139,110	134,760	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,020	24,940	24,950*	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	7,650	7,590	8,520	+ 0.8	- 10.2
Nonmanufacturing	17,370	17,350	16,430*	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,530	84,160	81,660*	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	24,930	25,060	26,440	- 0.5	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	59,600	59,100	55,220*	+ 0.8	+ 7.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,410*	22,600*	22,840	- 0.8	- 1.9
Manufacturing	8,420*	8,520*	9,360	- 1.2	- 10.0
Nonmanufacturing	13,990	14,080	13,480	- 0.6	+ 3.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	484,890*	481,440*	467,130*	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	96,260*	94,890*	93,230*	+ 1.4	+ 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	388,630	386,550	373,900*	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	44,560	44,110	43,060*	+ 1.0	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	9,760	10,020	10,440	- 2.6	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	34,800	34,090	32,620*	+ 2.1	+ 6.7
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,810	14,950	14,210*	- 0.9	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	4,570	4,590	4,690	- 0.4	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	10,240	10,360	9,520*	- 1.2	+ 7.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,220	66,660	65,910*	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	20,370	20,360	21,810	+ 0.1	- 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	46,850	46,300	44,100*	+ 1.2	+ 6.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	254,560	253,020*	242,440*	+ 0.6	+ 5.0
Manufacturing	46,330	46,690	47,490	- 0.8	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	208,230	206,330*	194,950*	+ 0.9	+ 6.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,950	118,830	114,870*	- 0.7	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	33,900	33,960	34,640	- 0.2	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	84,050	84,870	80,230*	- 1.0	+ 4.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	76,100	75,660	73,980*	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	20,450	20,420	20,840	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	55,650	55,240	53,140*	+ 0.7	+ 4.7
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,020	126,360	123,940*	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	23,800	23,670	25,100	+ 0.5	- 5.2
Nonmanufacturing	103,220	102,690	98,840*	+ 0.5	+ 4.4

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Oct.'87	Sept.'87	Oct.'86(R)	Percent Change to October 1987 from: Sept.'87	Oct.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,580	32,550	31,530	+ 0.1	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	7,210	7,220	7,310	- 0.1	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	25,370	25,330	24,220	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,440	86,640*	85,220*	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	23,280	23,190*	24,980	+ 0.4	- 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	64,160	63,450	60,240*	+ 1.1	+ 6.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,710	22,780	23,350	+ 4.1	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	2,010	2,000	2,040	+ 0.5	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	21,700	20,780	21,310	+ 4.4	+ 1.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Bridgeport	$460.48	$451.26	$422.71	41.9	41.4	41.0	$10.99	$10.90	$10.31
Hartford	447.91	447.91	433.68	41.9	41.9	41.7	10.69	10.69	10.40
New Britain	476.33	462.46	446.90	43.7	42.9	42.4	10.90	10.78	10.54
New Haven	407.63	405.01	403.91	40.2	40.1	41.3	10.14	10.10	9.78
Stamford	459.82	472.22	455.81	40.3	42.2	41.4	11.41	11.19	11.01
Waterbury	388.25	377.73	371.51	42.9	41.6	42.9	9.05	9.08	8.66

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	$4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6	1636.9	5938	3876	4.0	3.5	5001.4
Feb....	1613.4	1639.6	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5035.0
Mar....	1625.1	1641.5	2668	3610	3.8	3.7	5044.3
Apr....	1638.6	1638.6	2592	3112	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1648.8	1640.6	2455	3260	3.1	3.3	5063.6
Jun....	1664.2	1644.5	2861	2990	3.2	3.2	5087.8
Jul....	1644.5	1651.1	4588	3204	3.4	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1640.5	1653.7	2739	2952	3.2	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1655.4(R)	1650.4(R)	1789	2867	2.8	3.0	5144.9(R)
Oct....	1664.2(P)	1654.3(P)	1952	2641	2.9	3.1	5174.5(P)
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	12036	15942	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....	12797	11893	42.0	41.8	132.1	126.9
Apr....	14894	14761	41.6	41.6	130.8	126.0
May....	11027	10492	41.8	42.0	132.0	127.9
Jun....	11862	10735	41.9	41.9	129.1	125.1
Jul....	15214	16700	41.8	42.1	105.5	122.5
Aug....	12547	10779	41.8	42.4	108.5	124.3
Sep....	17917	16729	42.0	42.0	127.7	124.3
Oct.	12587	13071	42.4	42.4	130.4	126.6
Nov....						
Dec....						

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*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1972	51,737	$161,851,000	$ 92,681,000
1973	36,314	117,610,000	114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
Jan'86	39,301	$21,606,000	$ 7,426,000
Feb	33,020	19,053,000	16,808,000
Mar	30,986	19,496,000	714,000
Apr	25,332	15,528,000	35,043,000
May	21,832	12,810,000	90,339,000
Jun	22,048	12,974,000	1,662,000
Jul	24,767	13,734,000	17,325,000
Aug	24,416	12,797,000	37,543,000
Sep	19,880	12,221,000	955,000
Oct	17,903	10,473,000	10,716,000
Nov	17,918	9,912,000	19,419,000
Dec	22,003	14,980,000	755,000
Jan'87	33,123	18,946,000	5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	$ 31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,367,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (10/31/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (10/31/87)

$255.9 million

*Interest bearing r-revised

CONNECTICUT WORKERS AVERAGED $22,522 IN 1986

Wages paid to Connecticut workers covered under State and Federal Unemployment Insurance Laws totaled more than $35.8 billion in 1986, an increase of $2.9 billion over wages paid in 1985. There were 89,779 firms in business in the State during the final quarter of 1986, and average employment for the year fell just short of the 1.6 million mark. Wages paid to these workers averaged $22,522, 6.0 percent more than the $21,239 reported in 1985.

Of the major industry divisions, that with the highest paid workers was mining where annual wages averaged $40,750. The mining industry in Connecticut consists primarily of corporate headquarters rather than actual mining operations. The next highest paying industry division was wholesale trade whose workers received an average of $30,028, a 6.0 percent increase over their 1985 earnings. Workers in durable goods wholesaling earned considerably more than those working in nondurable goods.

Manufacturing, the next best paying division, reported average earnings of $28,555 for the year. Within manufacturing, the highest paying industry group was tobacco ($47,301), which is also dominated by corporate headquarters. This was followed by the chemicals ($37,268), petroleum and coal products ($34,433) and transportation equipment ($33,459) industries.

In the transportation, communications and utilities division, top wages were paid in the largest segment, the communications and utilities group whose workers earned an average of $35,155 in 1986, up 9.9 percent from 1985. There was an overall 10.1 percent increase in the wage level in the finance, insurance and real estate division. Two small components in this sector had wages substantially higher than the $27,009 annual average: security, commodity brokers and services ($57,709), and holding and other investment offices ($53,482).

The number of construction firms in business grew by 10.4 percent between 1985 and 1986 and their employment increased by 5,303 workers during that time. The best paid of the construction industries was the smallest: heavy construction contractors, where workers received annual average wages of $32,625.

Among government workers, highest wages were paid to federal employees who averaged $26,621 in 1986. However, this represented only a 1.7 percent increase in earnings between 1985 and 1986. Local government workers, the lowest paid in 1986 ($20,915), were making an average 8.6 percent better wage than in 1985.

There were 18,927 additional workers and 1,214 more firms in the service sector in 1986 than a year earlier. The best paid service workers, on average, were in a miscellaneous category which includes engineering, accounting and research organizations ($30,338), and the legal services group ($26,916).

While retail trade was the lowest paying of the major industry groups, with an annual wage of $12,198, this figure represented a 9.2 percent increase from a year earlier. The best paying retail industry group included automotive dealers and service stations at $20,458. The lowest paying was the eating and drinking place group where heavy use of part-time help is common.

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C O N N E C T I C U T

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY *
FOR 1986

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
TOTAL - ALL INDUSTRIES	**89,779**	**1,591,162**	**$35,835.5**	**$22,522**	**$433.12**
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	**1,684**	**13,270**	**179.1**	**13,500**	**259.62**
Agriculture Production - Crops	116	4,566	49.9	10,919	209.98
Agriculture Production - Livestock	50	1,302	22.7	17,471	335.98
Agriculture Services	1,494	7,318	104.7	14,301	275.02
Forestry and Fishing	24	85	1.9	22,148	425.92
Mining	**83**	**1,583**	**64.5**	**40,750**	**783.65**
Construction	**11,051**	**71,175**	**1,872.3**	**26,306**	**505.88**
General Building Contractors	3,691	21,145	561.8	26,571	510.98
Heavy Construction Contractors	374	6,849	223.5	32,625	627.40
Special Trade Contractors	6,986	43,181	1,087.0	25,173	484.10
Manufacturing	**6,336**	**395,073**	**11,281.3**	**28,555**	**549.13**
Food and Kindred Products	201	12,726	316.8	24,893	478.71
Tobacco Manufacturers	5	527	24.9	47,301	909.63
Textile Mill Products	78	4,667	90.8	19,466	374.35
Apparel and Other Textile Products	188	8,324	161.4	19,391	372.90
Lumber and Wood Products	254	3,491	81.8	23,432	450.62
Furniture and Fixtures	121	4,042	82.7	20,466	393.58
Paper and Allied Products	106	9,572	297.8	31,109	598.25
Printing and Publishing	923	27,691	634.6	22,919	440.75
Chemicals and Allied Products	164	22,685	845.4	37,268	716.69
Petroleum and Coal Products	18	264	9.1	34,433	662.17
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	282	12,690	306.6	24,164	464.69
Leather and Leather Products	18	820	10.4	12,712	244.46
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	165	5,112	133.3	26,068	501.31
Primary Metal Industries	194	13,630	377.1	27,666	532.04
Fabricated Metal Products	999	45,613	1,133.3	24,847	477.83
Machinery, Except Electrical	1,452	50,114	1,484.9	29,629	569.79
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	507	51,901	1,427.8	27,510	529.04
Transportation Equipment	169	85,543	2,862.1	33,459	643.44
Instruments and Related Products	272	26,495	779.4	29,416	565.69
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	220	9,165	220.9	24,104	463.54
Transportation, Communications & Util.	**2,748**	**66,262**	**1,858.8**	**28,053**	**539.48**
Local and Interurban Passenger Transit	268	9,370	124.1	13,247	254.75
Trucking and Warehousing	1,042	14,974	375.4	25,069	482.10
Water Transportation	169	1,981	55.6	28,064	539.69
Transportation by Air	123	3,775	91.3	24,190	465.19
Railroad and Transportation Services	655	5,031	118.0	23,457	451.10
Communication and Utilities	491	31,131	1,094.4	35,155	676.06
Wholesale Trade	**8,636**	**84,181**	**2,527.8**	**30,028**	**577.46**
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	5,573	52,112	1,651.2	31,686	609.35
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	3,063	32,069	876.6	27,334	525.65

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
Retail Trade	**19,113**	**276,827**	**$ 3,376.8**	**$12,198**	**$234.58**
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	1,002	11,327	224.1	19,787	380.52
General Merchandise Stores	395	35,806	396.9	11,083	213.13
Food Stores	2,115	49,462	526.9	10,652	204.85
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2,477	31,078	635.8	20,458	393.42
Apparel and Accessories Stores	1,563	18,660	207.8	11,138	214.19
Furniture and Home Furnishing Stores	1,598	12,060	196.2	16,273	312.94
Eating and Drinking Places	4,915	78,043	618.8	7,929	152.48
Miscellaneous Retail	5,048	40,391	570.2	14,117	271.48
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	**6,745**	**138,430**	**3,738.9**	**27,009**	**519.40**
Banking	557	31,823	634.0	19,921	383.10
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	643	10,343	281.9	27,251	524.06
Security, Commodity Brokers & Services	520	5,750	331.8	57,709	1,109.79
Insurance Carriers	440	65,782	1,812.3	27,551	529.83
Insurance Agents, Brokers & Services	1,409	9,221	249.5	27,059	520.37
Real Estate	2,900	13,396	329.8	24,622	473.50
Combined Real Estate, Insurance, Etc.	75	484	12.3	25,367	487.83
Holding and Other Investment Offices	201	1,632	87.3	53,482	1,028.50
Services	**30,049**	**352,665**	**6,624.3**	**18,783**	**361.21**
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	355	10,646	117.1	10,997	211.48
Personal Services	3,074	18,047	208.6	11,559	222.29
Business Services	6,928	84,523	1,686.4	19,952	383.69
Auto Repair, Services and Garages	1,959	10,919	185.3	16,970	326.35
Miscellaneous Repair Services	956	4,625	95.5	20,650	397.12
Motion Pictures	251	2,026	36.9	18,217	350.33
Amusement and Recreation Services	956	12,382	151.3	12,223	235.06
Health Services	5,818	112,363	2,252.1	20,043	385.44
Legal Services	1,944	12,040	324.1	26,916	517.62
Educational Services	559	30,042	570.5	18,992	365.23
Social Services	1,281	20,016	244.1	12,194	234.50
Museums, Botanical, Zoological Gardens	51	1,011	12.0	11,868	228.23
Membership Organizations	1,429	12,219	147.4	12,064	232.00
Private Households	2,398	3,378	33.8	10,017	192.63
Miscellaneous Services	2,090	18,430	559.1	30,338	583.42
Government	**3,334**	**191,694**	**4,311.7**	**22,493**	**432.55**
Federal Government	473	23,813	633.9	26,621	511.94
State Government	634	56,703	1,352.5	23,852	458.69
Local Government	2,227	111,178	2,325.3	20,915	402.21

* Covered employment under unemployment insurance laws includes all workers with the following general exceptions: (1) Railroad employees who are covered under a special railroad unemployment insurance act: (2) Religious organizations and some private elementary and secondary schools run by churches: and (3) Certain agricultural and private household workers whose employers do not meet the size or payroll or time criteria established by the laws.